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2001F 17 Finding:

The Department of Ecology is not complying with subrecipient monitoring requirements for some of the federal programs it

administers.

Resolution/Status: The Department concurs with this finding and has taken the

following corrective action:

 Reviewed all of its agreements and identified all subrecipients. Subrecipients were then notified by mail of the details related to federal funds they received from the Department including the federal requirements with which all subrecipients must comply,

- Reviewed the need for new policies and procedures,
- Sent staff to the Office of Financial Management's federal grants classes, and
- Notified all agency project officers that agreements involving federal funds must disclose the required federal information related to source of funds and include provisions that list the federal requirements with which a subrecipient must comply.

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2001F 18 Finding:

The Department of Ecology is not complying with suspension and debarment requirements for some of the federal programs it

administers.

Resolution/Status: The De

The Department concurs with the finding and has taken the following corrective action:

- Stressed the importance of meeting federal suspension and debarment compliance requirements,
- Defined what Department agreements were subject to the suspension and debarment requirements,
- Defined what Ecology must do to come into compliance with the federal requirements – including a standard paragraph in all agreements and collecting a certification statement from all appropriate recipients,
- Provided a web site for securing proper blank certification forms,
- Established a policy that no payments would be processed without a signed certification accompanying the signed agreement,
- Provided guidance to all project officers on subrecipient monitoring and suspension and debarment responsibilities, and
- Established policy that all staff working with federal programs must attend federal training classes.

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